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SUBJ: UN ADMINISTRATION - DONAUPARK COMPLEX IN VIENNA

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1. MISOFF LUNCHEd PRIVATELY WITH AUSTRIAN PERMREP JANKOWITSCH AT LATTER'S REQUEST SEPTEMBER 16 FOR QTE CANDID EXCHANGE OF VIEWS UNQTE ON SUBJECT. JANKOWITSCH OPENED DISCUSSION WITH RUNDOWN OF DEVELOPMENTS OVER RECENT MONTHS, INCLUDING DISCUSSIONS HE HAD IN VIENNA AND ELSEWHERE WITH INTER ALIA SWISS PERM OBSERVER MARCUARD AND USYG DAVIDSON. JANKOWITSCH FULLY SUPPORTS PROPOSAL OF DAVIDSON FOR PHASED TRANSFER OF SECRETARIAT UNITS FROM NEW YORK AND GENEVA (REPORTED REFTTEL A) AND IS REQUESTING APPROVAL OF VIENNA TO ACCEPT IT.

2. JANKOWITSCH ALSO AGREED PERSONALLY TO INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AMONG SWISS/AUSTRIANS/US IN NEW YORK IN EXPECTATION OF REACHING QTE GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT UNQTE ON DAVIDSON'S APPROACH AND TACTICS FOR HANDLING QUESTION IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. SUBSEQUENTLY THESE THREE DELS COULD, IF CONSIDERED USEFUL, DISCUSS SUBJECT INFORMALLY WITH DAVIDSON PRIOR TO COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF SYG'S REPORT TO UNGA. JANKOWITSCH WILL REQUEST HIS GOVERNMENT'S

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APPROVAL TO PROCEED ALONG THESE LINES. ACCORDING TO

JANKOWITSCH, AUSTRIAN RELUCTANCY TO ENTER INTO SUCH DISCUSSIONS, REPORTED REF B, RESULTED FROM MISUNDERSTANDING COUPLED WITH HEAVY-HANDEDNESS IN VIENNA.

3. ASSUMING APPROVAL OF VIENNA, JANKOWITSCH LOOKS FORWARD TO CLOSE CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION BOTH WITH US AND SWISS DURING COMING WEEKS SO THAT SUBJECT CAN BE DEALT WITH IN UNGA, IN FIRST INSTANCE IN FIFTH COMMITTEE, IN LOW-KEY, NON-CONFRONTATIONAL, AND EXPEDITIOUS MANNER. JANKOWITSCH ASSURED MISOFF THAT IF ANY DELS ATTEMPTED TO POLITICIZE SUBJECT AS ATTACK ON US THAT GOA WOULD USE ITS FULL INFLUENCE BOTH HERE AND ABROAD TO DIFFUSE ISSUE.

4. GOA FORMIN OFFICIAL KLEISTEL WILL BE ARRIVING NY IMMEDIATELY AFTER IAEA CONFERENCE IN RIO DE JANEIRO TO HANDLE THIS SUBJECT AND SIT AS GOA REP IN UNGA FIFTH COMMITTEE. JANKOWITSCH SAID HE WOULD INSTRUCT KLEISTEL TO WORK CLOSELY WITH US AND SWISS DELS TO DEVELOP TACTICS ON HANDLING OF ITEM IN COMMITTEE, INCLUDING CONSULTING AT EARLY STATE ON DRAFT RESOLUTION ON WHICH GOA INTENDS TO TAKE LEAD.

5. COMMENT: MISOFF WAS IMPRESSED WITH JANKOWITSCH'S FORTHRIGHTNESS AND APPRECIATION OF NEED TO WORK CLOSELY IN FIRST INSTANCE WITH US AND SWISS IN UNGA -- BOTH OF WHICH HERETOFOR APPEARED TO US TO BE LACKING FROM AUSTRIAN SIDE. IF THIS CHANGE IN AUSTRIAN ATTITUDE HOLDS, WE BELIEVE THAT INTERESTS OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED CAN BE PROTECTED.
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